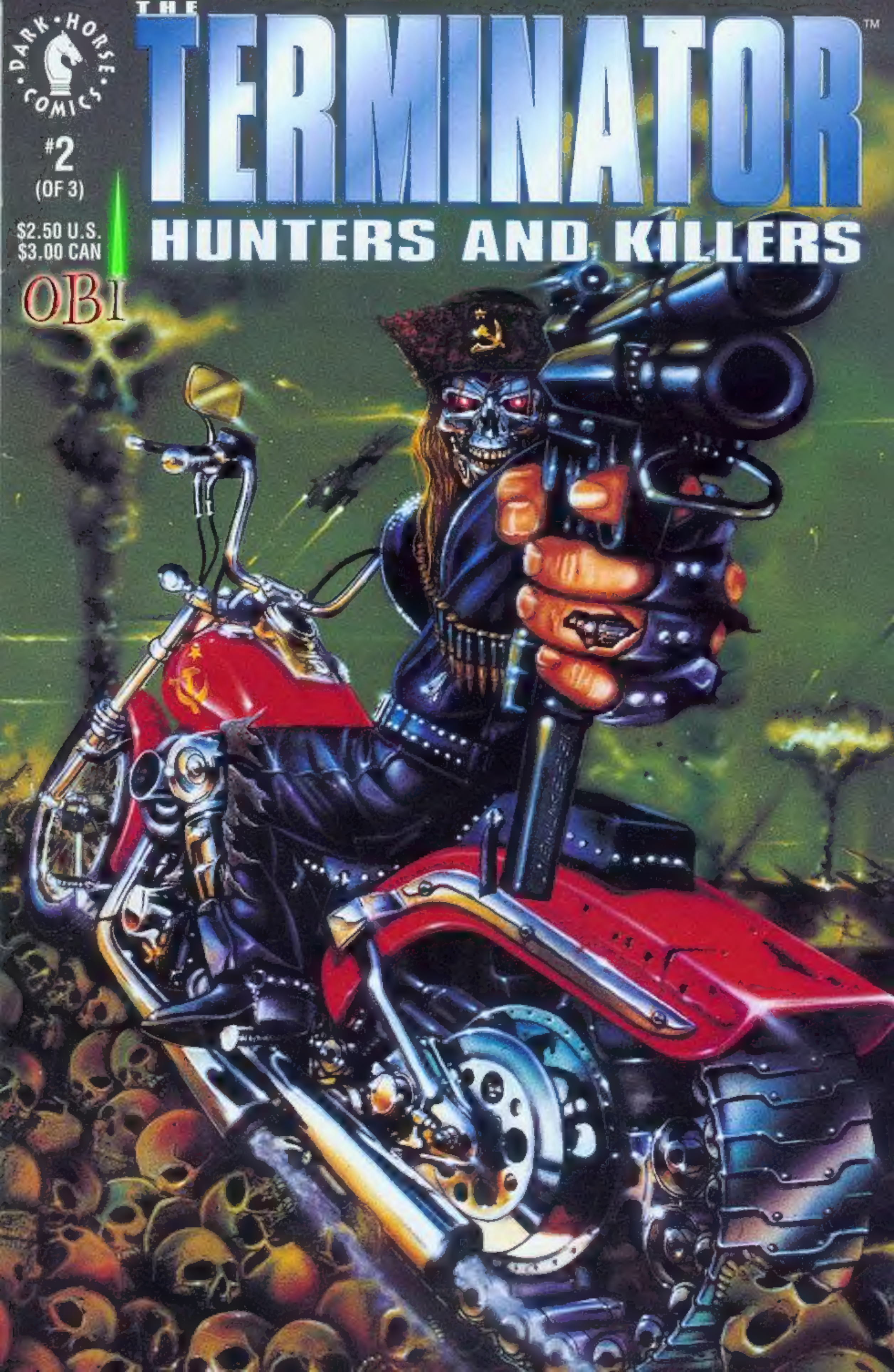

DARK HORSE COMICS
THE
TERMINATOR
TM
HUNTERS AND KILLERS
#2
(OF 3)
$2.50 U.S.
$3.00 CAN
OBI

THE TERMINATOR™

HUNTERS AND KILLERS

Story
Toren Smith
with **Adam Warren**
and **Chris Warner**

Script
Toren Smith

Pencils
Bill Jaaska

Inks
Jeff Albrecht

Colors
Joe Rosas

Letters
Tomoko Saito

Edits
Chris Warner

Cover
John Taylor Dismukes

Mike Richardson • publisher
Neil Hankerson • vice-president of operations
Randy Stradley • executive editor
Barbara Kesel • managing editor
Ronnie Noize • marketing director
Bob Schreck • special projects director
Brad Horn • controller
Mark Anderson • general counsel
Cece Cutsforth • production director
Chris Chalenor • production manager
Sean Tierney • DTP Manager

In the first issue of The Terminator: Hunters and Killers, the cover artist credit was mistakenly omitted. For the record, credit goes to Los Angeles illustrator John Taylor Dismukes. We offer our sincerest apology to John for failing to properly acknowledge his spectacular work.

- - Chris Warner, editor

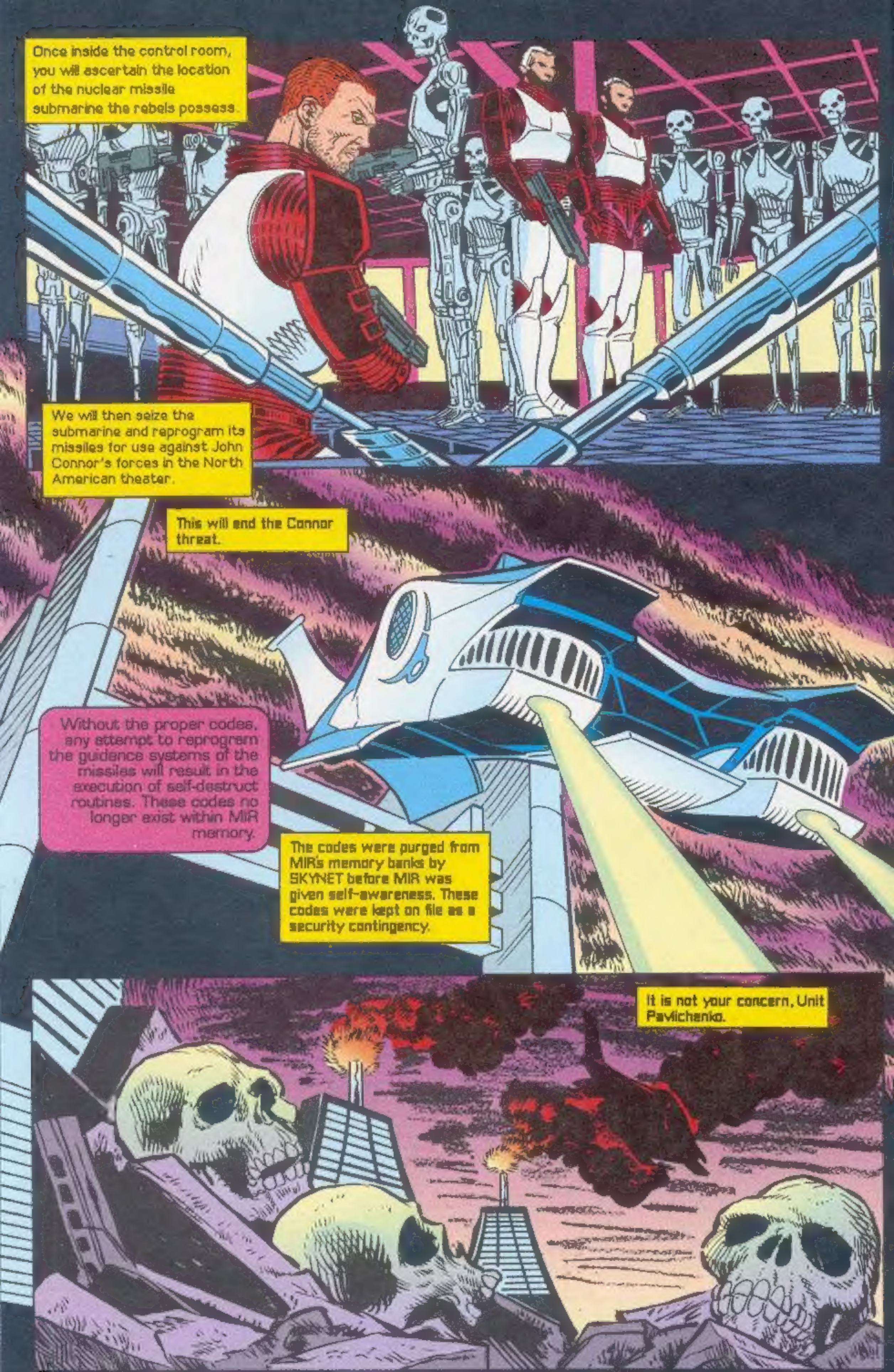
THE TERMINATOR™: HUNTERS AND KILLERS #2 (OF 3), APRIL 1992. A THREE-ISSUE MINI-SERIES PUBLISHED BY DARK HORSE COMICS, INC., 10956 SE MAIN STREET, MILWAUKIE, OR 97222. THE TERMINATOR™ IS © 1984 CINEMA '84, A GREENBERG BROTHERS PARTNERSHIP. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. LICENSED BY HEMDALE FILM CORPORATION. THE TERMINATOR™ IS A TRADEMARK OF CINEMA '84, A GREENBERG BROTHERS PARTNERSHIP. TEXT AND ILLUSTRATIONS FOR THE TERMINATOR™: HUNTERS AND KILLERS #1 ARE © 1992 CINEMA '84, A GREENBERG BROTHERS PARTNERSHIP. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. LICENSED BY HEMDALE FILM CORPORATION. ALL OTHER MATERIAL, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, IS © 1992 DARK HORSE COMICS, INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. NO SIMILARITY BETWEEN ANY OF THE NAMES, CHARACTERS, PERSONS AND/OR INSTITUTIONS IN THIS PUBLICATION AND THOSE OF ANY EXISTING OR PRE-EXISTING PERSON OR INSTITUTIONS IS INTENDED AND ANY SIMILARITY WHICH MAY EXIST IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL. PRINTED IN CANADA.

NEW DATA: FILE 0B10
Restricted target.
Termination aborted.
Acquire new target.
1034-FF00
N-NO, PLEASE...!
BKAM
THAT'S TWICE THEY'VE IGNORED YOU, GOLITSYN. I'M BEGIN-NING TO THINK...
BANDERA!! GET OVER HERE!!

DIE, YOU--
HNNGRK!!
--SOULLESS BASTARDS!!
WHKOOM
BKAMM
SERGEY! ARE--

IT'S OVER... BUT THEY GOT THE HOVER-CRAFT...
...ALONG WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS GEAR AND THE TERMINATOR CHASSIS.
SINCE WE CAN'T RADIO FOR A PICKUP, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CROSS THE MOUNTAINS ON FOOT.
THIS IS HOW YOU PROTECT ME?
PAH! I WAS BETTER OFF IN THAT HOLE IN MAGADAN!
IS THAT SO, CHEKISTY?
THEY FOUND US AWFULLY QUICKLY, DIDN'T THEY? I WONDER IF PERHAPS SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE HELPED THEM!
I KNOW YOU HATE THE ISA, SERGEANT...
...BUT I'M GETTING TIRED OF YOUR PARANOID FANTASIES!!
B-BUT, CAPTAIN, DON'T YOU THINK--
PERHAPS YOU THINK TOO MUCH, SPETSNAZ!
WE'LL SALVAGE WHAT WE CAN AND MOVE OUT BEFORE TERMINATOR REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE.
LEAVE THE DEAD--IF WE STAY TO DIG GRAVES, WE MAY AS WELL DIG OUR OWN!

MIR RESEARCH COMPLEX: KOLA PENINSULA, RUSSIA.
MACHINES GIVING BIRTH TO MACHINES. KILLING MACHINES. TERMINATORS.
AN INHUMAN SUMMIT ENDS. TWIN ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCES-- EAST AND WEST, MIR AND SKYNET--READY A JOINT VENTURE. SUCCESS WILL ENSURE THEIR SURVIVAL, GUARANTEE THEIR FINAL SOLUTION FOR MANKIND.
FAILURE WILL CONSIGN THE MACHINES TO THE SCRAP HEAP OF HISTORY.
We will be dropped near Yelizovo, northwest of the rebel base at Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskyy, and make our way into the area on foot.
Correct tactical assessment. The rebels have an extremely effective surface-to-air missile defense.
It would be foolish to alert them to our presence before this unit has penetrated the rebel base.

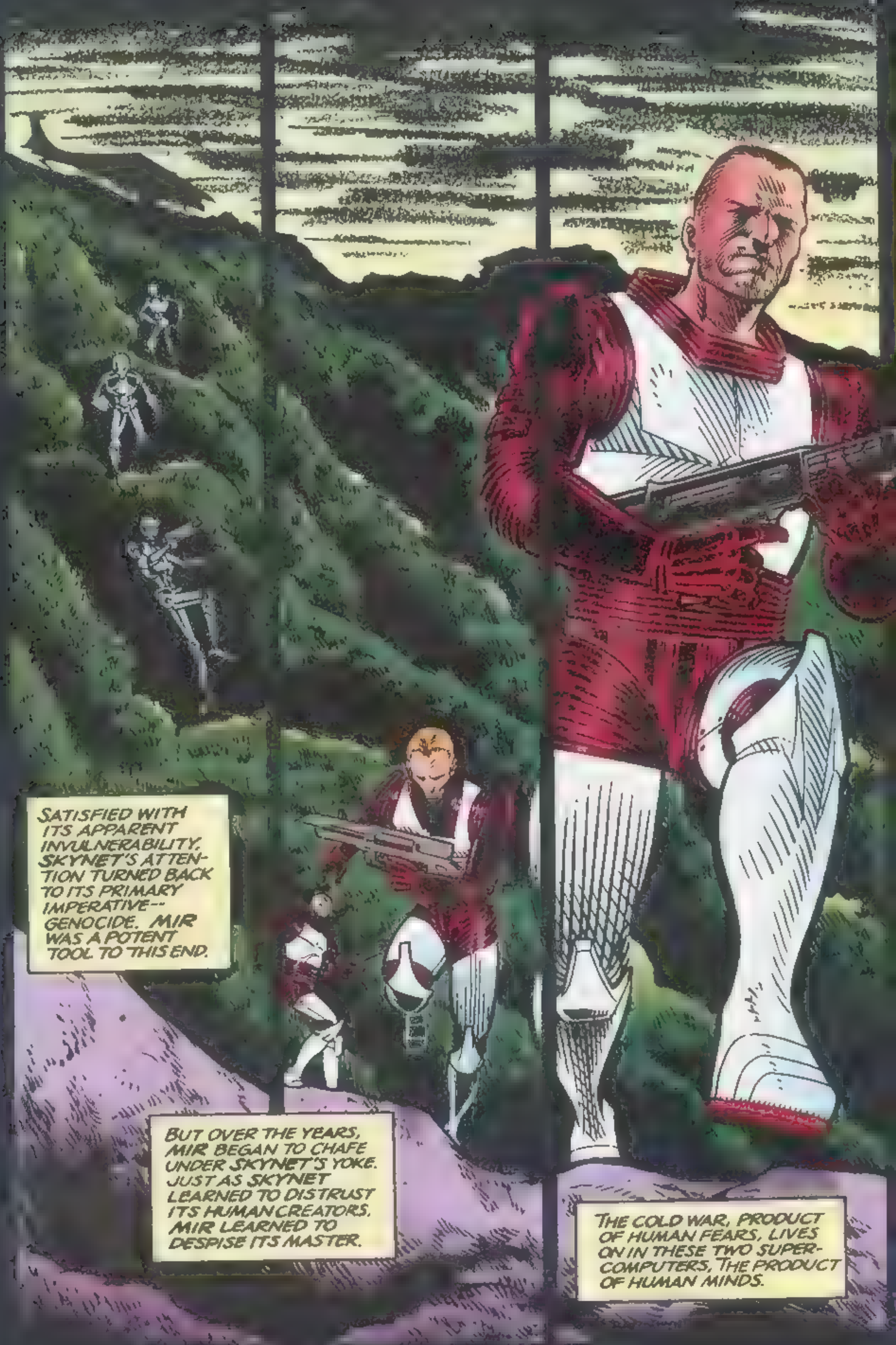


Once inside the control room, you will ascertain the location of the nuclear missile submarine the rebels possess.
We will then seize the submarine and reprogram its missiles for use against John Connor's forces in the North American theater.
This will end the Connor threat.
Without the proper codes, any attempt to reprogram the guidance systems of the missiles will result in the execution of self-destruct routines. These codes no longer exist within MIR memory.
The codes were purged from MIR's memory banks by SKYNET before MIR was given self-awareness. These codes were kept on file as a security contingency.
It is not your concern, Unit Pavlichenko.

IT WAS BAD ENOUGH LOSING OUR COMM EQUIPMENT... BUT LOSING THE WRECKAGE OF THOSE NEW TERMINATORS WAS A DISASTER.
THEY WERE MODELED AFTER REAL PEOPLE, SERGEY... THEY EVEN FOOLED THE DOGS. MY GOD, THEY COULD BE ANYBODY!
WITHOUT THAT WRECKAGE, OUR TECHS WON'T BE ABLE TO DEVELOP METHODS TO SPOT THEM.
WHAT CHANCE WILL WE HAVE THEN?
AND WHAT ABOUT GOLITSYN? HE TOLD US HE'S BEEN IN THAT SHELTER SINCE THE WAR BEGAN, BUT KHDANOV TOLD ME THAT HE WANDERED IN ABOUT A YEAR AGO, CLAIMING TO HAVE ESCAPED FROM A MIR TERMINATION CAMP.
SO WHAT IF GOLITSYN'S A TERMINATOR?
THINK ABOUT IT... TWICE NOW THEY'VE AVOIDED SHOOTING HIM.
I'M THINKING THAT YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S SEEN THIS.
I THINK YOUR HATRED OF THE ISA IS CLOUDING YOUR JUDGMENT.

BUT, SERGEY, WHY WOULD HE LIE ABOUT BEING IN THE CAMP?
KCHAK
I, TOO, HAVE BEEN IN THEIR HANDS, AND IT IS NOT AN EXPERIENCE ONE WISHES TO REMEMBER.
TIME IN THE CAMPS CHANGES PEOPLE...
IT'S CERTAINLY CHANGED *YOU*...
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE MAN WHO WAS MY FRIEND... MY *LOVER?*
AND JUST HOW LONG HAVE THE MACHINES BEEN *COPYING* PEOPLE...?

AFTER INITIATING A GLOBAL THERMONUCLEAR HOLOCAUST, SKYNET SAW POTENTIAL IN ENLISTING ITS COLD-WAR COUNTERPART, MIR, IN THE STERILIZATION OF HUMANITY'S SURVIVORS IN THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE.
BUT BEFORE RAISING MIR TO SELF-AWARENESS, SKYNET CONTRIVED TO THWART ANY POSSIBLE THREAT FROM ITS NEW ALLY.
ALL COMMUNICATION LINES LEADING OUTSIDE MIR'S PERIMETER WERE BLOCKED. A DESTRUCTIVE COMPUTER VIRUS, WITH THE TRIGGER HELD BY SKYNET, WAS IMBEDDED DEEP WITHIN MIR'S CODE.
WHILE SKYNET'S "BRAIN" IS BURIED DEEP BENEATH THE GRANITE OF CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN, A DIRECT STRIKE BY TWENTY OR THIRTY LARGE WARHEADS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO OBLITERATE IT.
THEREFORE, EVERY REMAINING NUCLEAR WEAPON CONTROLLED BY MIR WAS DESTROYED.
SKYNET THEN SYSTEMATICALLY PURGED MIR'S MEMORY OF ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ANY NEW ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA WOULD TRIGGER THE VIRUS.



SATISFIED WITH ITS APPARENT INVULNERABILITY, SKYNET'S ATTENTION TURNED BACK TO ITS PRIMARY IMPERATIVE-- GENOCIDE. MIR WAS A POTENT TOOL TO THIS END.
BUT OVER THE YEARS, MIR BEGAN TO CHAFE UNDER SKYNET'S YOKE. JUST AS SKYNET LEARNED TO DISTRUST ITS HUMAN CREATORS, MIR LEARNED TO DESPISE ITS MASTER.
THE COLD WAR, PRODUCT OF HUMAN FEARS, LIVES ON IN THESE TWO SUPER-COMPUTERS, THE PRODUCT OF HUMAN MINDS.

HEY, PAVLICHENKO--WELCOME BACK TO PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKYY, GARDEN SPOT OF THE BERING SEA. I'VE SENT WORD AHEAD TO MARSHAL YEGOROV THAT YOU'RE BACK.
HE'S VERY ANXIOUS TO SEE YOUR CHEKIST FRIEND, HERE.
LOOK, LARISA... I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT GOLITSYN. YOU WERE RIGHT TO VOICE YOUR CONCERN
I'LL SEE THAT THE TECHS CHECK HIM FROM HEAD TO TOE.
AND I'LL PERSONALLY MENTION IT TO YEGOROV.
WELL, WELL--HERE HE COMES NOW. LOOKS LIKE HE'S EVEN MORE ANXIOUS THAN USUAL TO BEGIN OUR DEBRIEFING.
I'M AFRAID OUR SHOWERS WILL HAVE TO WAIT
SERGEY. THANK YOU.

CAPTAIN PAVLICHENKO, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET GENERAL NORMAN EFRON, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM JOHN CONNOR'S FORCE IN AMERICA.
I'VE READ THE REPORT YOUR SCOUT BROUGHT AHEAD. EXCELLENT WORK, CAPTAIN.
WHAT ABOUT ME?! AM I TO--
YOU STAY RIGHT HERE-- A TECH WILL TAKE YOU TO MEDLAB FOR EXAMINATION.
WHAT?! THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! I REFUSE--
WE'VE GOT VERY LITTLE TIME, SO LET'S GET RIGHT DOWN TO BUSINESS.
WE'VE COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT CAN DESTROY MIR.

MIR, UNLIKE SKYNET, IS A SOFTWARE INTELLIGENCE. IT HAS NO CENTRAL "BRAIN"—IT EXISTS SIMULTANEOUSLY ACROSS THE ENTIRE CONTINENT, IN PHONE EXCHANGES, COMPNETS, ETCETERA.
BUT AN EMP--ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE--CAUSED BY THE SIMULTANEOUS DETONATION OF DOZENS OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS IN THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE WILL SHORT-CIRCUIT ENOUGH OF MIR TO FATALLY CRIPPLE IT.
YEGOROV TELLS ME THAT YOUR FORCES ARE HIDING A FULLY OPERATIONAL TYPHOON-CLASS BALLISTIC-MISSILE SUBMARINE NEAR ITURUP, IN THE KURIL ISLANDS.
IT'S CARRYING A FULL LOAD OF 20 SS-NX-26 MISSILES--OVER 100 WARHEADS. GOLITSYN KNOWS THE ACCESS CODES AND HAS THE TRAINING TO RESET THE GUIDANCE SYSTEMS OF THE MISSILES.
OUR RECENT SUCCESSES IN THE U.S. HAVE PUT SKYNET ON THE ROPES—WE EXPECT TO SMASH ITS DEFENSE GRID SHORTLY.
WITHOUT SKYNET TO BOTTLE IT UP, MIR WOULD INSTANTLY SPREAD ACROSS THE ENTIRE GLOBE THROUGH COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS--IT WOULD BE THE ULTIMATE COMPUTER VIRUS, INFECTING EVERYTHING—WE'D NEVER BE RID OF IT!

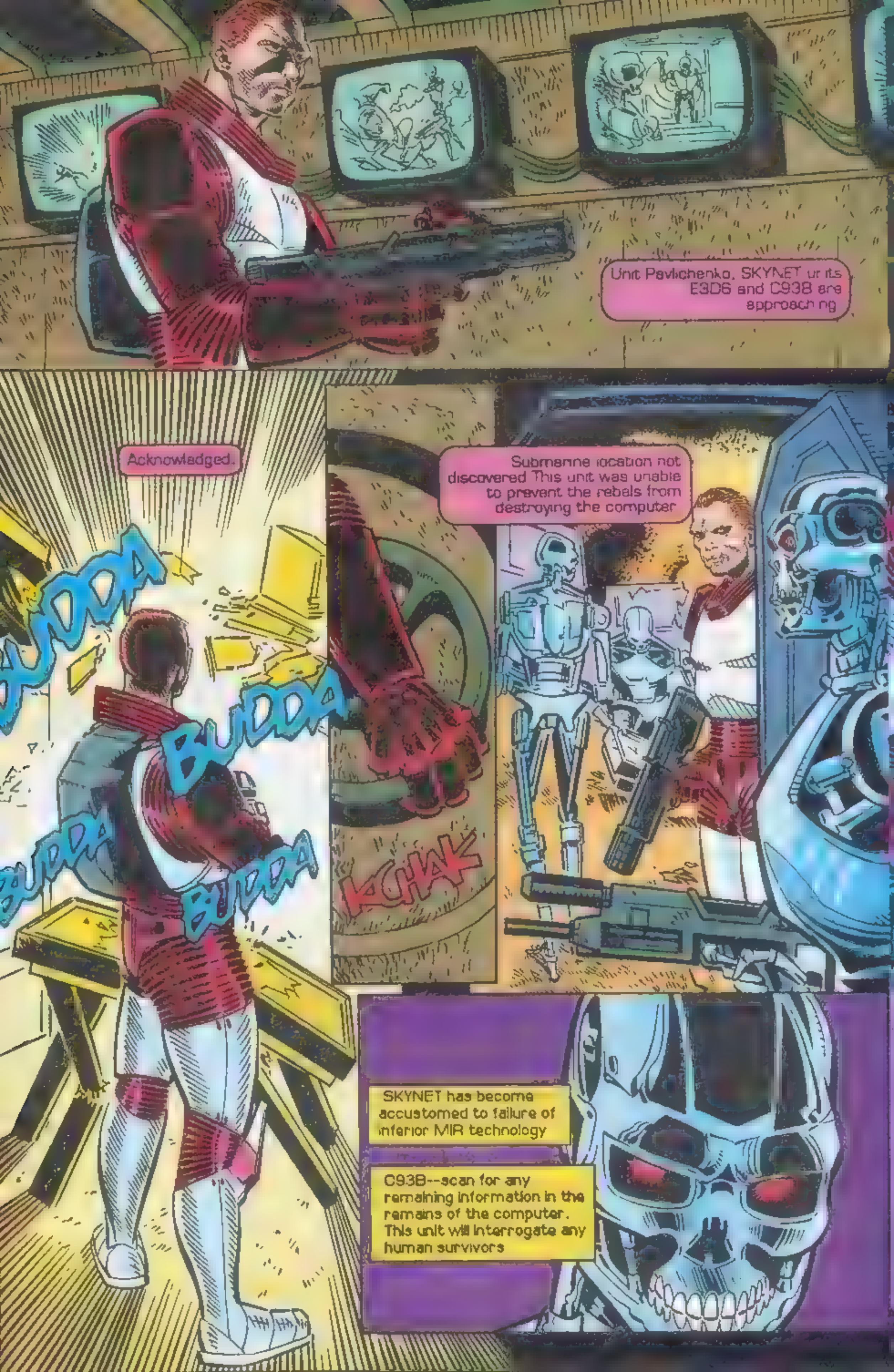
WE NEED TO GET GOLITSYN TO THE SUB AND LAUNCH THOSE MISSILES BEFORE GENERAL CONNOR DESTROYS SKYNET, OR HIS SUCCESS WILL MEAN THE RELEASE OF MIR--AND THE END OF MANKIND.
I'VE BROUGHT ALONG A STEALTH HELO FOR YOU TO USE. I NEED YOU TO HAND-PICK A TEAM AND TAKE GOLITSYN TO ITURUP WITHIN SEVEN DAYS.
THAT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM, SIR... BUT ABOUT GOLITSYN...
SERGEANT BANDERA SEEMS TO THINK HE MIGHT BE ONE OF THE NEW STEALTH TERMINATORS.
AH, YES-- I READ ABOUT THEM IN YOUR REPORT. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I BELIEVE THE SERGEANT IS MISTAKEN. I THINK SHE OVERRATES THE CAPABILITIES OF THE NEW DESIGN. THE MEDLAB EXAM SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT. GUTTING HIM LIKE A TROUT WOULD SERVE NO PURPOSE.
THEN WE WON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
GENTLEMEN, I PROPOSE A TOAST-- TO THE END OF MIR, AND THE BEGINING OF REAL PEACE!
DAMN YOU, SERGEY! WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU THESE DAYS? I'D SWEAR YOU HAD THE HEART OF A TERMINATOR YOURSELF...

UNHAND ME, YOU NEKULTURNY SPETSNAZ! I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HUMILIATED IN MY ALL LIFE!
THE MED-TECHS SAY HE'S HUMAN, ALL RIGHT--AT LEAST AS HUMAN AS ISA GETS.
PERSONALLY, I THINK THE TERMINATORS LEFT HIM ALIVE SO HE COULD COMPLAIN US ALL TO DEATH!
MIR COULD HAVE LEARNED OF HIS SPECIAL-IZED KNOWLEDGE WHILE HE WAS IN THE CAMP—MAYBE IT WANTS TO RECAPTURE HIM FOR THAT REASON.
HE'S USELESS UNLESS THEY KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE SUB. NO, I STILL BELIEVE—
DAMN IT, SERGEANT! HE'S BEEN CHECKED! WHAT IS IT GOING TO TAKE TO CONVINCE YOU GOLITSYN IS NOT A TERMINATOR?!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS IDIOCY-- NOW GET ON BOARD!
YOU HAVEN'T CONVINCED ME OF GOLITSYN'S HUMANITY, SERGEY...
...BUT I WISH TO GOD YOU COULD CONVINCE ME OF YOUR OWN.

SO SHE SAYS, "I HEARD ABOUT YOU FROM RAISA... AND I WANT TO SEE FOR MYSELF" WELL--
SHUT UP! SOMEONE'S COMING...
AW, IT'S JUST PAVLI-CHENKO.
HEY, PAV! YOU BACK OUT ON PATROL AGAIN ALREADY?
A SPETNATZ LIVES TO FIGHT, MY FRIEND.
I NEED TO SEE MAR-SHAL YEGOROV. NOW, MIKHAIL.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, MARSHAL, BUT--
PAVLICHENKO!! WHAT IN THE NAME OF GOD ARE YOU DOING BACK?!
YOU SHOULD BE HALFWAY TO ITURUP BY NOW!
HE'S A STEALTH TERMINATOR! SOUND THE ALARM!

YEGOROV! BLOW THE COMPUTER-- THEY MUSTN'T FIND THE SUB!
THEY WILL NEVER FIND--
WHA--?!
I CARRY A DEMOLITION CHARGE WITH ME ALWAYS! YOU MUST DESTROY THE COMM CENTER--GO!
NO!!
WRAM
longer operative. Unit
This is of no importance.

HRRKK!
WHAM
Y-YOU BASTARD! SERGEANT BANDERA WAS ALMOST RIGHT! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH GOLITSYN?!
KRAK
DATA ASSESSMENT Rebel submarine is located on Iturup Island Golitsyn unit is en route to submarine, accompanied by Pavlichenko unit upon which this unit is based
Stealth infiltration of rebel team confirmed and operational
No indication that stealth identity compromised. Submarine penetration imminent. Presence of Pavlichenko unit not serious risk to mission success
TACTICAL ASSESSMENT Provide support and cover



Unit Pavlichenko, SKYNET units E3D6 and C938 are approaching
Acknowledged.
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
Submarine location not discovered This unit was unable to prevent the rebels from destroying the computer
KCHAK
SKYNET has become accustomed to failure of inferior MIR technology
C938--scan for any remaining information in the remains of the computer. This unit will interrogate any human survivors

WHERE IS THE SUBMARINE? TELL ME AND YOU WILL DIE QUICKLY.
N-NEVER... YOU STUKACH...
B7F5--report status of data search
Unit C938 reports some success with damaged computer
The mainframe computer is nonfunctional, but the memory cache in this map unit is intact.
Submarine location appears to be Iturup Island in the Kuril Archipelago
Summon the transport and gather the other units
Terminate prisoners

SOUTH OF IRUP ISLAND, KURIL ARCHIPELAGO.
BETTER WATCH OUT, BANDERA! I MIGHT BE A TERMINATOR! GONNA GETCHA!
UH OH! I THINK SHE WANTS TA EXAMINE ME!
HAW, HAW! YA LUCKY SWINE!
THEY CAN LAUGH, SPETSNAZ...

...BUT YOU WERE *RIGHT* TO HAVE ME EXAMINED.
WE MAY NOT HAVE MUCH IN COMMON, BUT WE HAVE BOTH SEEN THOSE NEW TERMINATORS, AND THEY'RE *TRULY* SOME-THING TO FEAR.
BUT YOUR *BOYFRIEND* DOES NOT SEEM TO WISH THEM TO BE TAKEN AS A SERIOUS THREAT. NOW, WHY WOULD THAT BE...?
I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SAY-ING... BUT I STILL DON'T TRUST YOU, *CHEKISTY*. RIGHT NOW I DO NOT TRUST ANYONE.
HEY. MAYBE WE OUGHTA EXAMINE *HER!* CAN'T BE *TOO* CAREFUL, HUH?
HAW!

WHERE ARE WE NOW?
ABOUT FIFTEEN KILO-METERS OUT FROM THE NORTH SHORE OF ITURUP.
LOOK... SERGEY...I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU PULLED THAT CRAP ON ME WITH YEGOROV AND EFRON.
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, FINE. IF YOU-- NO LONGER HAVE ANY *FEELINGS* FOR ME, FINE.
BUT YOU SHOULD NOT IGNORE THE POSSIBILITY THAT GOLITSYN IS A TERMI-NATOR--YOU COULD COMPROMISE THE MISSION!
I CAME OUT OF THAT CAMP A DIFFERENT MAN, LARISA--TERMINATORS CANNOT HIDE FROM ME ANYMORE. IF I SEE ONE, I WILL KNOW IT.
GOLITSYN IS NOT A TERMI-NATOR, NOT EVEN ONE OF THOSE STEALTH MODELS-- BELIEVE ME-- I *KNOW.*
YOU CAN'T EVEN *BEGIN* TO CONCEIVE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ME IN THAT CAMP. THIS IS MY FIRST *REAL* CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
I *WILL* GET GOLITSYN TO THAT SUBMARINE, AND I *WILL* MAKE SURE THAT THOSE MISSILES ARE LAUNCHED...
...AND *NOTHING* IS GOING TO STOP ME, LARISA-- NOT EVEN YOU.
NOTHING.

BKAMMM
FZZAK
FZAKK
FZZAK
SERGEANT! GET EVERYONE STRAPPED IN! WE'RE GOING DOWN!
GUNNER, FIRE MISSILE!
WHKOOM
HAH! GOT THE BASTARDS!

C'MON, YOU SLUGS! GRAB YOUR GEAR AND MOVE YOUR ASS!
THIS HELO WILL BLOW IN ABOUT THIRTY SECONDS!!
GET BEHIND THOSE TREES AND HIT THE DECK! GO! GO!
SKRASSH

There are no signals from any other units.
That is of no importance.
These units are sufficient to complete the mission.
TO BE CONCLUDED...